

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to their duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a) Applicants submit herewith copies of documents cited on the attached Form PTO 1449.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and enter these documents into the file of the above-identified application. No fee is believed to be due to ensure consideration and entry of the cited documents by the Examiner. However, if a fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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